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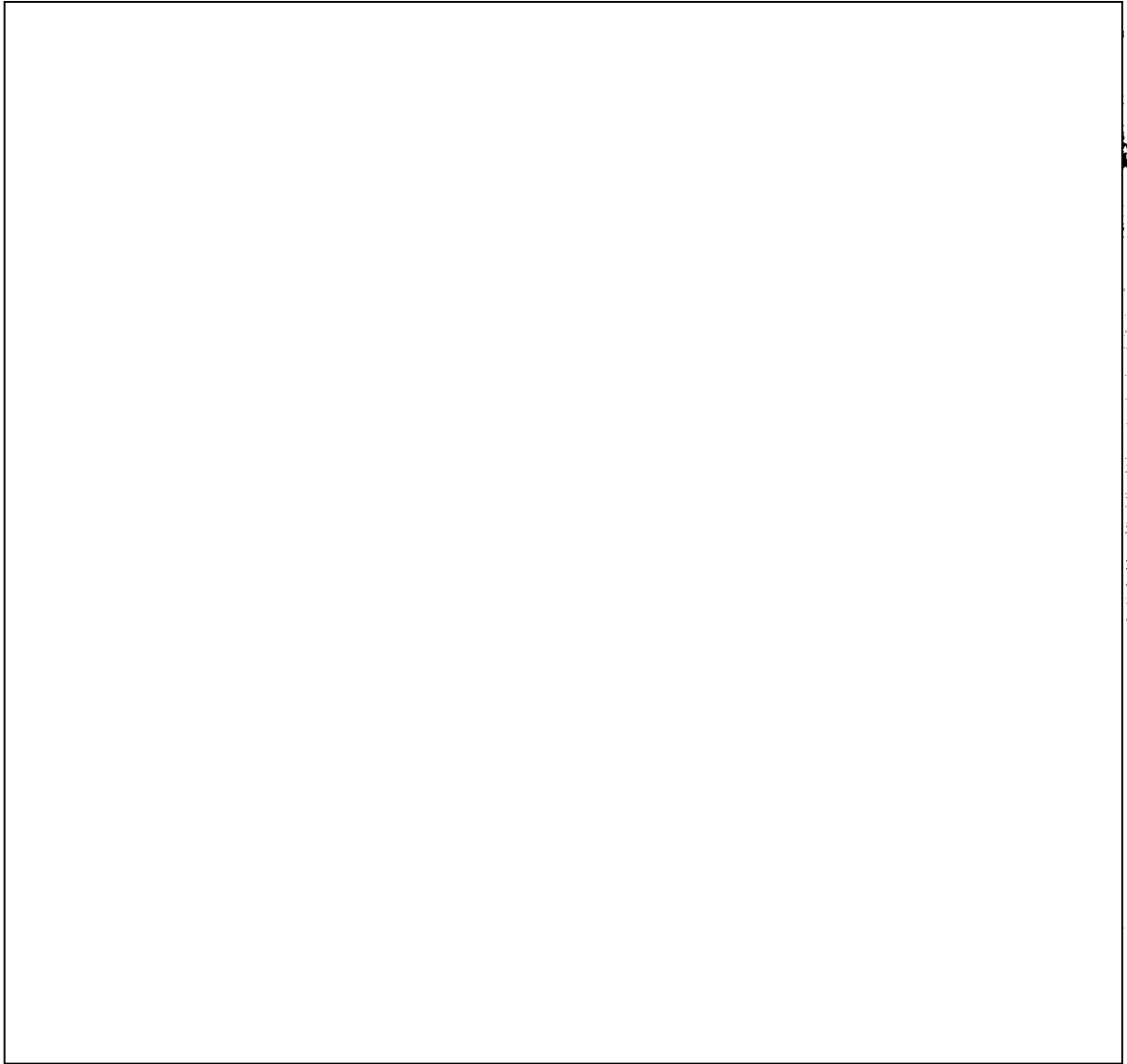
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EAST ASIA BRIEF AP EAB 77-169 FOR NOV 4, 1977.

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3. INDONESIA-UN: [REDACTED] THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL SOON ADOPT AN ANTI-INDONESIA RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR. [REDACTED] INDONESIA MAINTAINS THAT EAST TIMOR IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF INDONESIA AND HENCE DOES NOT WARRANT UN CONSIDERATION. WHILE LOBBYING FOR SUPPORT, INDONESIA REALIZES THAT THIS POLITICALLY EMBARRASSING ISSUE WILL BE DEBATED IN THE UN ANNUALLY FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE RESOLUTION WAS DRAFTED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY FRONT FOR AN INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR (FRETELIN) AND SUPPORTED LARGELY BY RADICAL THIRD WORLD AND COMMUNIST NATIONS. WHILE IT DOES NOT CONDEMN INDONESIA IT REJECTS THE INDONESIAN CLAIM TO EAST TIMOR; REAFFIRMS THE RIGHTS OF THE EAST TIMORESE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE; REQUESTS THAT

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THE UN MONITOR THE SITUATION AND CALLS FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE QUESTION IN THE AGENDA OF THE 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE INDONESIANS HAVE USED A DEFENSIVE STRATEGY, REFUTING FRETILIN CLAIMS OF POPULAR SUPPORT AND ALLEGATIONS OF INDONESIAN ATROCITIES AND ACTIVELY SEEKING SUPPORT FROM THOSE COUNTRIES THAT MIGHT RECIPROCATE FOR INDONESIAN SUPPORT ON OTHER ISSUES. INDONESIA HAS NOT, HOWEVER, BEEN ABLE TO GARNER SUFFICIENT VOTES TO PREVENT THE RESOLUTION FROM BEING ADOPTED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDONESIA FINDS THE ISSUE HIGHLY EMBARRASSING, BUT SO LONG AS NEITHER THE DEBATE NOR THE VOTE THREATEN RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES SUPPORTING OR ABSTAINING ON THE RESOLUTION FOR IDEOLOGICAL REASONS--CHINA, THE USSR, AND VIETNAM--INDONESIA WILL CONTINUE ITS LOW-KEY APPROACH. [REDACTED]

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